

We Claim:

1. A sizing algorithm for sizing a parent grayscale pixel map expressing an image having edges using a computer, before projection onto a sensitive recording surface wherein the pixels have a size  $R_p$ , comprising the steps of:
  - (i) inputting the parent grayscale pixel map image with edges where an edge is defined by gray pixels having values between 1, 2, ..., n, or by pixels having at least one 0-gray value (black 0-dose level) pixel neighbor;
  - (ii) calculating a grayscale correction value (g) equal to a sizing distance  $S$  parameterized by a machine constant equal to  $R_p$  divided by the number of grayscale values;
  - (iii) finding and flagging edge pixels expressed within a frame of the parent pixel map; and
  - (iv) finding and flagging corner edge pixels within the frame;
  - (v) sliding a sub-matrix window within the frame, to calculate and store gradient values for each edge pixel relative to the edges within the frame;
  - (vi) looping over pixels within the frame to adjust the grayscale value of edge and corner pixels and neighboring pixels;
  - (vii) propagating new grayscale values per the grayscale correction value (g) to pixels from each adjusted edge and corner pixel within the frame in a direction normal to each edge to establish a new edge position within the frame, and
  - (viii) where the parent pixel map is composed of a plurality of frames, reassembling the frames generating a daughter grayscale pixel map expressing a different size image than that expressed in the parent pixel map system which upon projection and recording, compensates for expected systemic distortions.
2. The algorithm of claim 1 where the frame is a 5X5 matrix, and the sub-matrix window is a 3X3 matrix.

3. A sizing algorithm for downsizing a parent grayscale pixel map having pixels of size  $R_p$  and grayscale values between 0, 1, 2, ..., n, expressing an image having edges with grayscale values ranging from 1, 2, ..., n, using a computer, before projection onto a sensitive recording surface comprising the steps of:

calculating a factor  $g$  equal to a desired sizing distance  $S$  divided by a machine constant  $K_m$  equal to pixel size  $R_p$  divided by the number of grayscale values;

setting

$$G'(i, j) = \text{Max}(G(i, j) - g, 0), \text{ and}$$

$$\delta G(i, j) = |G(i, j) - g| \bullet (\nabla_x, \nabla_y)$$

looping over pixels

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{
    if( pixel ij is an edge pixel)
    {
         $\nabla(i, j)$  = estimated gradient;
        storing the value  $G'(i, j)$  of the new pixel;
        if ( $\|\delta G(i, j)\| > 0$ )
        {
            propagating vector differences to neighboring pixels along
            the gradient direction;
        }
    }
}
end.
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4. A sizing algorithm for upsizing a parent grayscale pixel map having pixels of size  $R_p$  and grayscale values between 0, 1, 2, ..., n, expressing an image having edges with grayscale values ranging from 1, 2, ..., n, using a computer, before projection onto a sensitive recording surface comprising the steps of:

calculating a factor  $g$  equal to a desired sizing distance  $S$  divided by a machine constant  $K_m$  equal to pixel size  $R_p$  divided by the number of grayscale values;

setting

$$G'(i, j) = \text{Min}(G(i, j) + g, g_{\text{max}}), \text{ and}$$

$$\bar{\delta}G(i, j) = \left| g_{\text{max}} - \{G(i, j) + g\} \right| \bullet (\nabla_x, \nabla_y)$$

looping over pixels

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    if( pixel ij is an edge pixel)
    {
         $\nabla(i, j)$  = estimated gradient;
        storing the value  $G'(i, j)$  of the new pixel;
        if( $\|\bar{\delta}G(i, j)\| > 0$ )
        {
            propagating vector differences to neighboring pixels along
            the gradient direction;
        }
    }
}
end.
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5. The sizing algorithm of claim 1, or 3 or 4 wherein edge pixels are flagged by successively mapping a sub matrix array  $G$  of pixel grayscale values from the parent grayscale pixel map into an edge matrix  $E$  with a Boolean procedure for counting the 0-gray value pixels and for assigning a value to each pixel of 0, 1, or 2, where 0 indicates a particular pixel is not an edge pixel, 1 indicates a particular pixel is in a class consisting of inclined edge pixels and corner pixels, and 2 indicates a particular pixel is an edge pixel.

6. The sizing algorithm of claim 5 wherein the sub matrix array  $G$  is a 3X3 matrix.

7. The sizing algorithm of claim 6 wherein diverging corner edge pixels are flagged by successively mapping each edge matrix  $E$  into a Boolean  $I$  returning true if  $E$  has an edge\_sum equal to 5 indicating a particular edge pixel is a diverging corner edge pixel, else returning false.

8. The sizing algorithm of claim 5 wherein new grayscale values are propagated normal to edges of the parent grayscale pixel map to new edge positions with:

- (i) a  $45^\circ$  rule computation operator for such edges inclined at  $45^\circ$  ( $\pi/4$ ) relative to an orthogonal coordinate of the parent pixel map; and
- (ii) a non- $45^\circ$  rule computation operator for such edges inclined at angles other than  $45^\circ$  relative to an orthogonal coordinate of the parent pixel map; and
- (iii) a gray-to-neighbors computation operator for propagating gray values to pixels neighboring such edges in the direction of the gradient.